Forest Service

File Code:

1950; 2720

Date:

April 26, 2018

Dear Interested Party,

The White River National Forest is preparing an environmental assessment for Beaver Creek Resort to engage in development of the McCoy Park area. The proposed project would take place entirely within the existing Beaver Creek Resort Special Use Permit (SUP) area.

I will determine whether or not to approve all or part of the proposal including: 250 acres of beginner and low intermediate ability level ski terrain, two chairlift installations, cross country ski and snowshoe trails, a warming hut, composting toilets at the existing Candy Cabin and at the bottom and top of the proposed chairlift, a ski patrol service building, a new service road, and snowmaking to support the egress to the proposed McCoy Park chairlifts.

The proposed projects are intended to provide guests with a dedicated beginner and low-intermediate ability level area with appropriate slope angles in an engaging setting that is also separated from advanced ability level terrain, and which offers high-quality snow conditions throughout the season. Terrain that fits these criteria is currently unavailable at Beaver Creek Resort, creating a need for additional beginner and low intermediate ability level terrain.

An interactive story map highlighting the Proposed Action and preliminary findings is available at: https://tinyurl.com/y8urdzu5.

The formal Notice of Proposed Action is available for review online at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52650. The notice and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District Office located at 24747 Highway 24, Minturn, CO 81645. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Max Forgensi, Mountain Sports Permit Administrator, at mforgensi@fs.fed.us or (970) 827-5157.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Please note that this period is serving as both scoping and the sole comment period for the Proposed Action. There will not be another opportunity to comment.

Specific written comments on the proposed project will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Glenwood Post Independent, on April 27, 2018. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

An open house to inform the public of the project and to answer questions will be held on May 9, 2018 at the Minturn Ranger Station, 24747 Highway 24, Minturn, CO 81645 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Written comments must be submitted via mail to Scott Fitzwilliams, c/o Max Forgensi, Mountain Sports Permit Administrator, White River National Forest P.O. Box 190, Minturn, CO, 81645; in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Max Forgensi,





Mountain Sports Permit Administrator, at 24747 Highway 24, Minturn, CO 81645; by Fax: (970) 945-3266; or electronically: https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=52650, the name and mailing address of the person submitting electronic comments must be included.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific comments must either sign the comment or verify identify upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3). Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act. Electronic formats accepted include email, PDF, word documents, spreadsheets, most images, etc.

Sincerely,

Scott G. FITZWILLIAMS

Forest Supervisor

cc: Roger Poirier, Matt Ehrman, Max Forgensi, Mike Jackson